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SUBJ: REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST ON NPT EXTENSION
TO WEST BERLIN

REF: A. MOSCOW 5787

B. STATE 144052

C. BONN 10460

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1. EMBASSY SEEMS SOME MERIT IN REPLYING TO SOVIET
PROTEST TO EXTENSION OF NPT TO WEST BERLIN (REF A)

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AT LEVEL BELOW THAT OF CHIEF OF MISSION, RATHER THAN

AT THAT LEVEL, AS PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT (REF B) AND BONN GROUP (REF C). DOWNGRADING OF LEVEL WOULD CONVEY TO SOVIETS OUR BELIEF THAT PROTESTS OF THIS NATURE ARE ESSENTIALLY WITHOUT SUBSTANCE AND DO NOT WARRANT CHIEF OF MISSION'S TIME AND ATTENTION.

2. FRENCH, WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE DEMARCHE, THOUGH THEY DO NOW HAVE TEXT, PLAN IN ANY CASE TO REPLY AT POLITICAL COUNSELOR LEVEL, FOR FRENCH AMBASSADOR IS BUSY WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SAUVAGNARGUES VISIT, AND DCM IS NOT IN MOSCOW. BRITISH ARE REQUESTING GUIDANCE ON WHETHER LEVEL OF REPLY CAN BE DOWNGRADED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL TO REPLY AT POLITICAL COUNSELOR LEVEL.

3. BRITISH TEXT OF REPLY INCLUDES WORD "WEAPON" AFTER "NON-NUCLEAR" IN THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA A. EMBASSY TEST (REF D) OMITTS "WEAPON." EMBASSY ASSUMES THIS IS AN OVERSIGHT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.

4. FRENCH TEXT OF REPLY DELETES NOT ONLY BRIDGING CLAUSE BETWEEN FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA B (AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REF E), BUT ENTIRE SECOND SENTENCE HKBEGINNING "THE ALLIED LEGISLATION ...") AS WELL. EMBASSY AND BRITISH REPS PRESUME THIS IS AN ERROR IN FRENCH TRANSMISSION, AND FRENCH ARE ASKING PARIS FOR CLARIFICATION.

5. FRENCH HAVE INSERTED, AND BRITISH INDICATE THEY WILL FOLLOW SUIT, PHRASE "AND THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT" AFTER THE WORDS "NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY" IN FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA B. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS EMBASSY WILL ALSO INCLUDE THIS PHRASE IN EFFORT TO ENSURE TEXTS ARE AS NEARLY IDENTICAL AS POSSIBLE. STOESEL

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